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**SCHAKOWSKY: BUSH ADMINISTRATION MISSTATEMENT OF THE DAY -
IRAQ - AL QAEDA LINK**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL) issued "The Bush Administration Misstatement of the Day" on claims made by the White House about a pre-war connection between Iraq and Al Qaeda.

Reuters reported on July 6, 2004 that earlier this year, Vice President Cheney said that "*The notion that there is no relationship between Iraq and al Qaeda just simply is not true,*" and that "the vice president also suggested he might have more information" about such a relationship than the 9/11 Commission.

However, in a one sentence statement, the Commission members stated: "*The 9-11 Commission believes it has access to the same information the vice president has seen regarding contacts between al Qaeda and Iraq prior to the 9-11 attacks,*"

Earlier, a Commission staff report has found "*no evidence of a collaborative relationship between the Iraqi leader and al Qaeda leading up to the [9/11] attacks.*"